



# OUTTRAY

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## CUB/SCOUT WOODBADGE - MAY 2003



*Left to right - back: Lisbet Demeyer; Mark Ackers; Belinda Higgs; Timothy Kidson; Kathy Douglas; Larry Adams; Phil Abbey; Stephaan Demeyer, and the Team Front, Matthew Reve; Martin de Bruin; Jeff Ferreira; Skutha Mndai. This course continues in September at "Gilsprings".*

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Alex Graham** - Long Service Medal for his many years non-uniformed service to Walmer Scout Group.

## INTRODUCTION TO ADULT LEADERSHIP COURSE

All New Adult Leaders are required to attend an I.A.L. Course. This is a one day course commencing at 9.00 a.m. until 16.30 p.m. As no charge is made for this course, please bring a packed lunch with you.

**NEXT OPPORTUNITY:** 29th June 2003 at Walmer Scout Hall - Fordyce Road, Walmer, Port Elizabeth - (between 3rd and 4th Avenue)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

7/8 June	Area Scout Council/ Workshop
13/16 June	Pow Wow/Skills Training "Gilwood" EL
29 June	Introduction to Adult Leadership Course
19/20 July	Area Scout Council - East London
25/27 July	Cub/Scout Warrant Course (W)
26 July	Cub Fun Day (E)
8/10 August	Cub/Scout Warrant Course (W)
17 August	Haig First Aid Competition (W)
29 August	Rally (EGK) & (SE)
30 August	Cub First Aid Competition (W)
6 September	Gilwell Reunion (Graaff-Reinet)
12 September	Cub Fun Day (E)
12/14 September	Gilwell Reunion (C)
19/21 September	Warrant Course (EGK)

## McLELLAND CAMPING COMPETITION

On a sunny Saturday morning 25th April, nine patrols from Port Elizabeth and East London offloaded their gear on a grassy camp site just off William Moffat Express Way in Port Elizabeth. The PLs got their instructions about the format of the camp and were given free-reign between Saturday and Sunday lunchtime. Campsites rose quickly and efficiently and before sundown on Saturday evening, some impressive results were visible.

Visitors were invited to "judge" the Saturday lunch time efforts of all the patrols. Afterwards all the patrols engaged in a fun and games programme, run by Beaver. The "food challenges" seemed to be very popular !?!?!? (for the public or the participants !?!?!?). During the games, parents arrived and after games, joined their kids for a bring and braai in the patrol campsites. Later in the evening, all the patrols, scouters and parents gathered for a campfire. The parents, especially, were quite entertained by skits and songs. Phil "White Owl", the visiting Scouter from the USA, told an interesting yarn – tailor made for scouts – how important it is to be prepared!

Monday morning after the Scouts' Own, the patrols put their shoulder to the wheel to break camp. By 11.30, after final inspection of the cleared campsites, patrols fell in for the final parade and prizegiving.

Top Patrol: Eagle Patrol – St Columbas Troop. 2nd Seagull Patrol Algoa Sea Scout Troop, 3rd Dolphins, 4th Seals, both of Algoa Troop. It was a fun camp, there was an excellent spirit between the patrols and the standard of camping was quite high.

**Thanks to "Algoa Anchor News".**

### WALTON TROPHY WINNERS



Winners – Seagull Patrol – 2nd Seal Patrol both of Algoa Sea Scout Troop. 3rd Eagle Patrol of St Columbas Troop.

### WINNING PATROL – NIGHTHIKE



Nighthike Winning Patrol – Owls of 1st Cambridge Troop –  
2nd Eagles of St Columba's Troop –  
3rd Dolphins of Algoa Sea Scout Troop.

### WALTON TROPHY – NIGHTHIKE

At last the 17th May had arrived, but where were we going? Do you know "Skip"? Well no one knew where – just pitch up at St Columbas Church at Five p.m. and you will find out! The day had started out beautifully sunny – then the wind got up – then, in the afternoon the rain pelted down. Trust the organisers to lay on such awful weather for my very first night hike.

At last we gathered in the St Columbas Church hall, four of us in my patrol. Little Johnnie's mom would not let him hike in that weather – "he'll get sick". Well four of us are better than not being there! We got our maps of where to go, jumped into "Skip's" car and set off, all along the Old Cape Road to Fitches Corner and into the Longmore Forest, behind the Lady's Slipper. The rain was still pelting down and the dirt road was muddy and the car slid from side to side but "Skip" got us there – to the "starting" point. (When I learn to drive I'm going to "Skip" to learn how.) From here we hiked in the dark and rain – "Just 4 Km to the farm house, you can't get lost, just follow the road" said the scouter who met us. Well we did make it and I suppose ALL the other patrols made it to the real "starting point" "Skip" told me afterwards that there was a long line of cars sliding in the muddy road, trying to get their load of scouts to the first "starting point" as he was trying to get back to the tar road.

At the farm house after a long wait waiting for the rest of the scouts, we got our hike maps with about five Xs on it – the idea was to find the X spots in the countryside, one by one, then collect proof we had reached all five of them. We were also expected to take part in the Walton Competition but with two of our patrol falling asleep on the job we only got around to finding two Xs. Next year we will know what to do better.

Can you believe it – Seagull Patrol (girls) of the Algoa Sea Scout Troop won the Walton Trophy. I suppose it's all right, they are pretty!

Sunday morning we were so pleased to see "Skip" and his wheels – with a big basket of grub, right on time, to take us home.





*The Umthewelanga Troop on a day hike up the Maclear mountain and across the Nqanqaru river.*



*The Umtheweiana scouts get close to nature*

## CAMPFIRES . . .

Campfires should be a big part of your Pack or Troop programme. Campfires are not only part of a camp programme, this is where most Scouts and Cubs experience them. An occasional weekly programme could be built around a Campfire - singing, skits, dancing - Jungle games for the cubs and other ideas you can think up for yourselves. A Group Campfire could be an occasion for parents and friends to be invited and see their children doing something artistic. What better occasion for an investiture to take place alongside the campfire. You would, of course, observe all the rules attached to that investiture.

B-P gave us the ultimate hint - all the chapters in Scouting for Boys had the title "Campfire Yarn 1" etc. He meant scouts and cubs to do things outdoors and not be stuck inside a stuffy hall or room all meeting. Encourage your scouts and cubs to make a Campfire blanket, a simple "poncho" made from an old blanket, or one of Mom's ordinary blankets can be draped around the shoulders and fastened in front with that old fashioned thing, a blanket pin. Believe it or not I have seen them recently in haberdashery shops. All Scouters should already have a blanket with a record of their achievements and activities in badges and scarvers etc. sewn on.

Every scouter should study up on the correct way to conduct a campfire and attend campfires run by somebody who knows how. By the time you have attended a Warrant course you will have been shown how it is done and have had a chance to run a Campfire yourself.

**Kiwit**

## NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

### Eastern Region

#### April 17th

The Umthewelanga Troop consisting of 18 Scouts under the leadership of Troop Scouter Linda Funani went on a day hike up the Maclear mountain and across the Nqanqaru river. A strenuous hike enjoyed by all.

#### May 18th

An investiture took place at the Lurasini Troop. A total of 20 boys made their promise during this ceremony.

#### May 30 – June 1st

A total of 6 Troops from Ugie, Maclear and Mount Fletcher took part in a camp at Ugie. I attendance were 92 Scouts and 10 Scouters. A good time was had by all.



*The investiture at the Lurasini Troop.*

### South Eastern Region

#### April 11 – 13th

A Scout woodbadge course was held in Butterworth for 3 males and 5 females. Despite the lack of funds this course was well run.

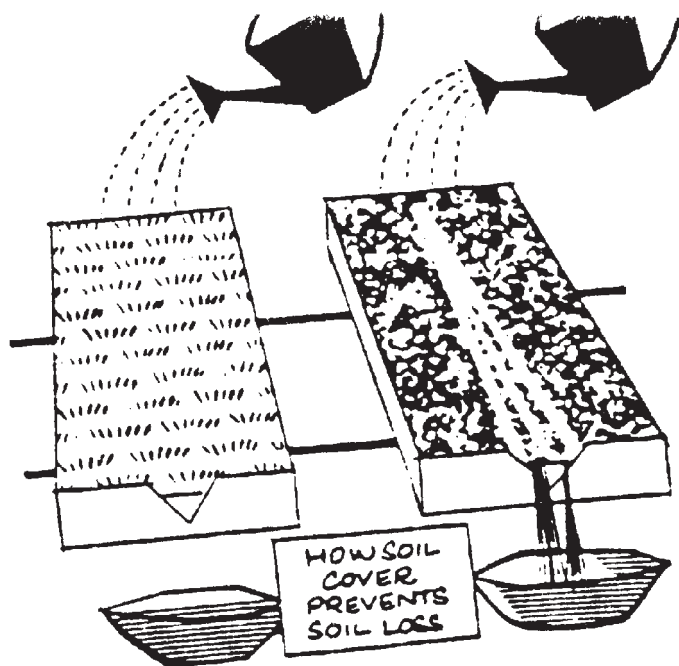
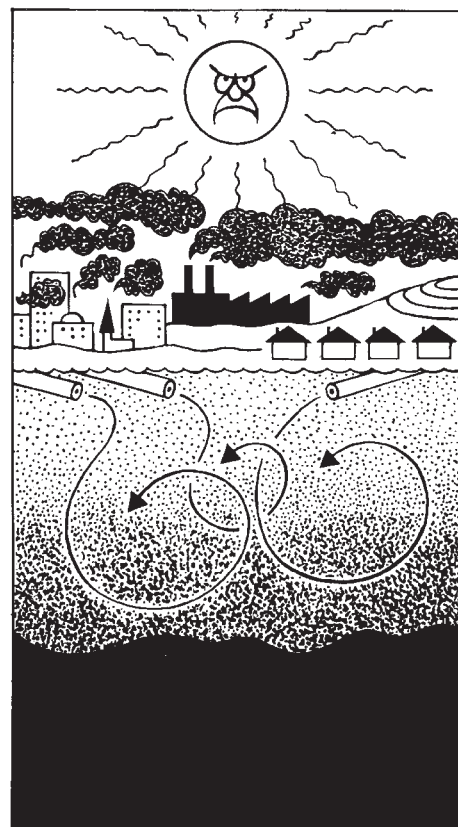
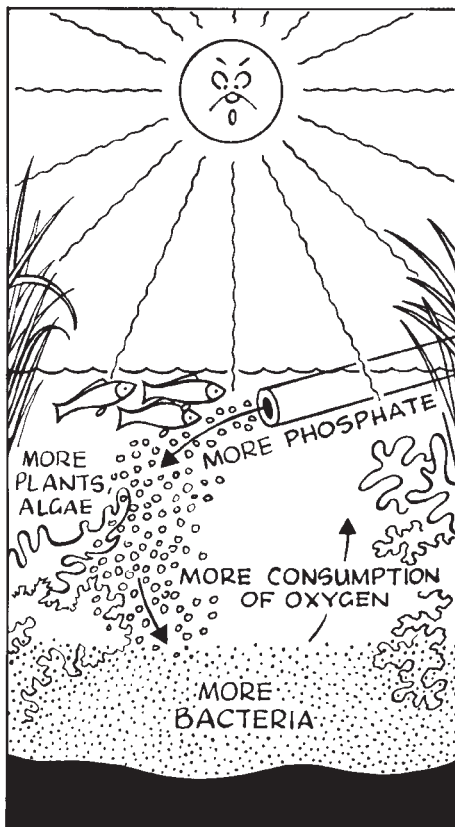
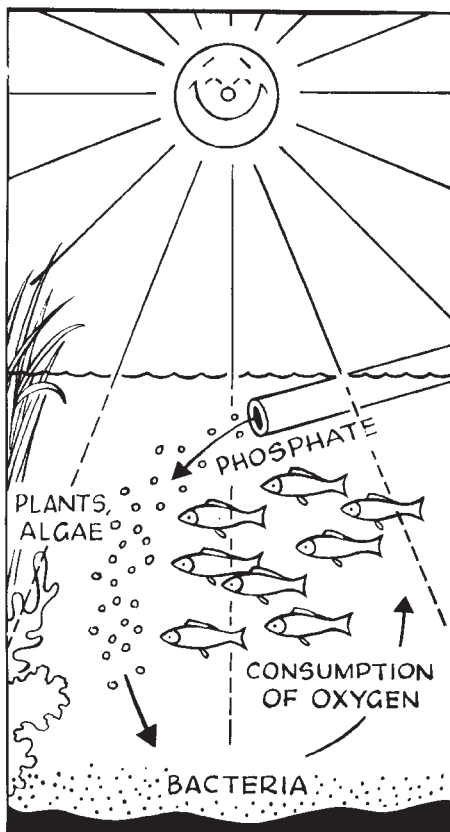
#### April 25, 26 & 27th

A Cub camp for 25 boys and 12 girls from the Tala Pack was held at Centane. This very successful camp was enjoyed by all participants.

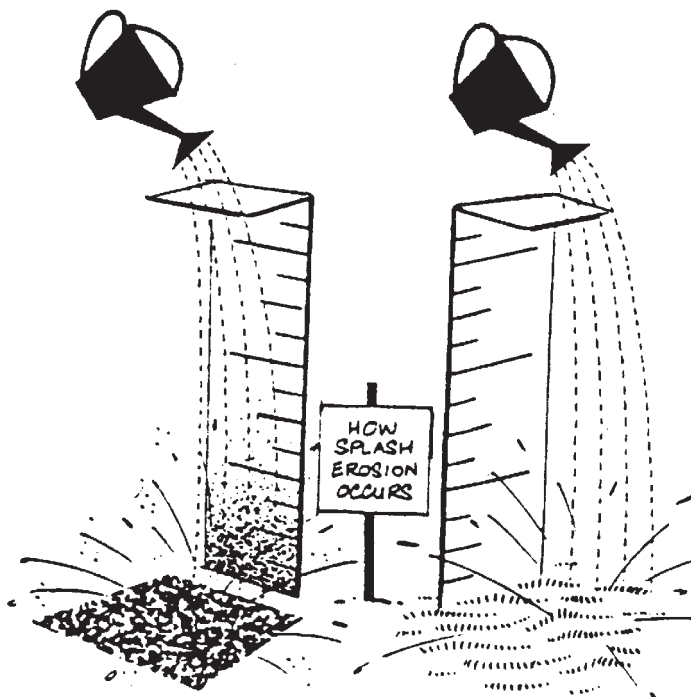
*Lack of funds is hampering the running of training courses, recruitment and camps for the youth. Until sufficient funds are obtained this is going to be an on-going problem.*

## SPRINGBOK AWARD CEREMONY

We congratulate Algoa Sea Scout Troop in the gaining two Springbok Awards. The presentation took place on 23 April – St George's Day, a very special day for the Group as this was the first such awards in many years. Besides the parents and friends of the current scouts, a number of past friends and scouters of the Group were present. Both recipients were asked to reaffirm their Scout Promise on the Troop Flag, then Regional Commissioner Martin de Bruin pinned the Springbok Badge on **Peter Demeyer** and **Jared Harding**. Area Commissioner, Ernie Pike presented both scouts with the Certificates signed by the Chief Scout, Nkwenkwe Nkomo. The two scouts then showed their appreciation to their parents, presenting their fathers with a scout tie and their moms with a Springbok brooch. The two Springboks then spoke about their scout careers and those who had helped them on the scout trail. Then it was down to the serious stuff – cakes and tea.



HOW SPLASH EROSION OCCURS



## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY – 5th JUNE

The Theme is WATER – Have you ever thought of THE WONDER OF WATER! Without it absolutely no living thing would exist on our planet. We in South Africa have it, but not in everlasting quantities. Do we waste it? So many of us just turn on a tap and water is there, hot or cold – day or night. Give a thought to all those South Africans and in fact two billion other people in the world who are dying for it.

Many "Veld Lores" of the past have shown how this life-giving water, as a theme, can be built into your Pack or Troop Programme. In fact every time a scout goes camping he can be made aware of the scarcity of this commodity and so, become a "water miser".

Put grass sods in one container and just plain soil in the other – see what happens when you pour water on them. In the splash erosion tester – see how much and how high up the scale the mud jumps off the plain soil!!

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